

CHARGE OF JURY TAMPERING

Local Bar Association Requested to Investigate Serious Allegations.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO BE APPOINTED

Member Asserts that He Has Evidence to Show that Jurors Have Been Corrupted in Personal Injury Cases.

The election of officers and a discussion of alleged jury tampering occupied the time of the members of the Omaha Bar Association at its annual meeting held at the Commercial club rooms last night. The following officers were elected: President, William F. Gurley; secretary, J. A. Kennedy; treasurer, Howard Kennedy; executive committee, W. D. McHugh, J. H. McIntosh, F. A. Hogan, A. C. Winkler and C. C. Wright. The executive committee remains the same as last year, with the exception of Judge McIntosh, who succeeds Elias Cobb, the latter having removed to Pittsburgh. The retiring officers were: T. J. Mahoney, president; J. C. Kinsler, secretary; Judge Day, treasurer.

In introducing the president-elect, President Mahoney made a short talk, reviewing the work of the past year. Each of the incoming officers thanked the association for the honor conferred upon him and each made a happy little talk. The annual report of the treasurer was accepted without being read; the reports of standing committees were read and approved.

In a letter, T. W. Blackburn suggested the appointment of a committee to investigate charges of jury tampering. The writer said that he was convinced that jurors had been systematically corrupted in personal injury cases during the past few years and that he had affidavits and other evidence to support his position.

The members of the association discussed at length how to deal with the jury tampering question and it was voted to empower the president to appoint a committee of three to investigate. President Gurley announced that he would name the committee later.

At the next quarterly meeting J. H. McIntosh will read a paper on the life of Judge Story.

MORE GIFTS TO ELKS' FAIR

Interested Brethren Make Donations that Increase Value of Income Greatly.

The Omaha lodge of Elks, at its last meeting, authorized the fair committee to have a jeweled badge made from designs submitted by P. P. Rooney, the same to cost not over \$100, and to be voted to the fair to some member of Omaha lodge.

Albert Edholm yesterday decided to give a punch bowl of silver and glass to the fair, valued at \$50. This very handsome article is now on exhibition in Balduff's window. How it will be disposed of during the fair will be decided at a committee meeting to be held on Tuesday next.

One of the most notable donations to the Elks' fair, and one which is likely to create the greatest possible interest, will be the yearling thoroughbred colt donated by W. A. Paxton, Jr., and A. L. Thomas. The colt is from the Keystone stock farm. It is a full thoroughbred and will be registered as "The Elk." They refused \$100 for this colt last summer, when it was six months old and following its dam. One hundred and fifty dollars would not buy the colt today. Messrs. Paxton and Thomas both say that this colt gives promise of



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BIG RAILWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Millions of Dollars to Go Into Western End of Union Pacific.

WORK WILL BE PUSHED THIS SEASON

Besides New Extensions to Southwest and Northwest, the System Will Be Given Better Equipment Along Old Lines.

It was stated by an official at Union Pacific headquarters yesterday that the leading powers in the Union Pacific system had completed a plan of railroad improvements for 1902 that would concentrate all of the energies and all large expenditures on the system west of Salt Lake City and Ogden.

This determination, it was explained, was simply in continuation of the plan formulated long since to improve the system by degrees from the Missouri river to the coast, working westward. The years 1900 and 1901 were devoted to work on the line between Omaha and Ogden, especially the western portion, and the next step in the progression is therefore to go on beyond that point.

This improvement will be along two vast channels. One is the bettering of the Southern Pacific from Ogden to San Francisco. For this purpose the sum of \$20,000,000 has been set aside as a fund for minimum expenditure on this project, along which more money may be used. The other improvement will be the further extension of the Oregon Short Line route from Salt Lake City toward Los Angeles. This will be completed if possible by January 1, 1903, and the construction from California, New, and Oregon will entail an expenditure of many millions more.

To the Coast Gateway. "The Union Pacific has long since decided that it must have the leading fast line to the coast gateway in order to retain its hold on the oriental trade," said the official in explanation of the plan proposed. "That traffic is becoming greater every year, and it was some years back that this right for a complete overhauling of the system was adopted."

"The plan has been steadfastly adhered to, so that now there is the finest kind of a railroad from Council Bluffs to Ogden. For that much of the way we now make wonderful times, but the line from Ogden to Los Angeles we are compelled to slow up and maintain the reduced speed all the rest of the journey. That is what hurts and it is that which will be remedied. Improvements on this line will be in the nature of reducing grades, taking out curves and lessening others and rebalancing the entire line."

"The Union Pacific has learned by experience that money spent in this way is quickly saved through other channels because the increased business, such as the reduction of both the equipment and working forces which it makes possible. A case in point is the stage that was gone through in Wyoming. For instance, before that part of the line was improved it was necessary to keep fifteen helping engines on hand between Cheyenne and Laramie to assist the trains over the hills. Now that the line has been improved the regular engines are able to do all the work. The journey over Sherman hill was the great stumbling block there. Now we go through it, the grade being thus reduced to 43 per cent."

For the Oriental Trade. "These improvements will fix us for the Oriental trade, which is something enormous, especially to and from the Philippines and Japan. They will also cover central California satisfactorily. The other arm of the work, meanwhile, will be looking toward the improvement of facilities for getting into the Southern California business. The Southern Pacific improvements are far the more important, since they have bearing directly on the gateway business, but this extension of the Oregon Short Line to Los Angeles is also a big proposition."

"That road is striking straight across the country from Salt Lake City. They are working at it every day. A month ago as far as Nevada, and under construction as far as California, about forty miles further on. Now we have information that has caused a change to be made in our map series, about to be issued, which will show the line in operation clear to California. It is between 500 and 600 miles more to Los Angeles, and it is hardly probable that the change will be made in 1902, although the effort will be made."

To compete with Hill Lines. "Another feature of this improvement scheme, which has been conducted rather quietly the last year, but which will receive more attention than any of it in 1903, is the improvement of the Oregon Short Line to the northwest from Ogden. That means an active attempt to come into competition with the J. H. Hill lines for the business up there, and two years more will see a bitter conflict between the two interests. The local significance of that cannot be overlooked. It simply means Omaha against St. Paul and Minneapolis."

POLICE HAVE TO COAX MARY
Deaf and Dumb Girl Violently Objects Against Returning to Institute.

Mary Marowitz had to be threatened with the police before she would consent to return to the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, where she had been for some time. She spent the holidays with home folks at 1313 Cass street. The girl's vacation ended Saturday, but when the time came for her to leave, in company with her brother, she objected and proceeded to throw the latter out of the room. A teacher from the institute was called in and was treated like a wise man. Then it was the aid of the police who were invoked to subdue the temper of the deaf and dumb girl. Before the arrival of the officer, Mary calmed down and consented to return to the institute.

GEORGE AND ZOLA ARE CAUGHT
"Jesse James" Arrested on Charge of Enticing Twelve-Year-Old Girl.

George Lucas, an attaché of Maloney's theater, who goes under the terrifying name of "Jesse James," was arrested Saturday afternoon by Officer Renfrow, charged with enticing 12-year-old Zola Southard away from the home of her mother, 1321 Capitol avenue, Friday morning. The couple were arrested in a room in the rear of a barber college at Tenth and Harney streets. Zola said she loved the handsome Jesse and the two intended to go to Council Bluffs last night to make their future home. Lucas was locked up and the girl was kept Saturday night in the matron's room at the station.

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READY FOR FLASH OF LIGHT

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RECEIVER OF GERMAN SAVINGS BANK

Willing to Make Explanations in Court.

Thomas L. McCague, receiver of the German Savings Bank, and Ralph W. Breckenridge, his attorney, have decided upon making a full public showing of the facts surrounding the compromise effected in the case, which compromise has been opposed by a number of creditors represented by V. O. Strickler.

Yesterday a motion was filed by the attorney for the receiver asking the court to set aside its order of November 18, which order overruled certain motions made by Mr. Strickler in opposition to the confirmation of the compromise. If the motion prevails it will leave the court in a position to hold a hearing upon the motions and to permit the receiver to show the facts surrounding the compromise. Mr. Breckenridge said:

"So much has been said about the confirmation of this compromise that we have come to the conclusion that the entire matter should be made public. There is nothing that cannot be given the light of day and we are really anxious for the public to know of the entire transaction."

The motion will probably come up for hearing before Judge Fawcett, who made the order confirming the compromise, as soon as he returns to the city, which will be in time for opening of the next term of court.

REALTY OWNERS TO PROTEST
Uniform Complaints to Be Presented to Board of Equalization by Individuals.

When the city council begins to sit as a board of equalization next Tuesday morning it will be confronted with a number of complaints in uniform. The form of these complaints was prepared by the tax committee of the Real Estate exchange and adopted for use by the similar committee of the Commercial club, and both organizations are passing out the blanks to real estate owners who consider themselves aggrieved by the last assessment of taxable property in this city.

The uniform complaint states that the Omaha Gas company is assessed at \$400,000, which is about 13 per cent of its actual value; that the Omaha Street Railway company is assessed at \$350,000, or about 11 per cent of its actual value; that the Omaha Water company is assessed at \$275,000, or about 19 per cent of its actual value; that the electric light company is assessed at \$117,500, or about 15 per cent of its actual value; and that the telephone company is assessed at \$109,310, or about 10 per cent of its actual value whereas the assessed valuation of the real estate of the complainant is comparatively too high.

HOLT COUNTY IS PROSPEROUS

Judge Kinkaid Says Farmers Secure Good Prices for All Their Products.

Judge Moses P. Kinkaid of O'Neill, Neb., who came to Omaha to attend the meeting of the State Bar association, speaking of conditions in Holt county, said:

"Times were never better in that part of the state. The farmers have sold a large number of hogs at good prices; they have carried over a large number of cattle and the prospects are that they will be high in price in the spring; hay is plentiful and what has been sold has brought good prices. While other crops were short, the price has more than made up the deficiency. Holt county land has more value in price than the last year. The sale and sale are being made of many tracts to actual settlers, who are making many improvements."

"An era of bank building has struck the county. In towns where there have never had such institutions, banks are being opened and in towns where one bank has existed two are now being operated. The deposits have increased wonderfully and the only trouble that is found is an inability to loan all available funds."

GORDON STILL PLAYS COURT

Meanwhile Judge Berka Proceeds to Hand Out Justice from the Bench.

The situation at the police court was the same as usual yesterday. Judge Gordon, who presides in the afternoon, held court in the hall and Judge Berka held a real court in the court room. He disposed of a large list.

Irene Cave and P. Gilman were fined \$5 and costs for fast and careless driving. The liverman, T. Jones, of whom they engaged a ride, was fined \$5 and costs for early this morning nearly dead from too violent exercise.

Jim Kelley was given ten days in jail to enable him to sober up. He had symptoms of delirium tremens. Joe Lamb incurred a like penalty for being drunk and disorderly on the street. George Kelley paid \$1 and costs for the privilege of making night hideous in the vicinity of Ninth and Dodge streets. George Pickard will spend five days in jail for being drunk and begging on the streets. Lizzie Dooley was fined \$5 and costs for soliciting on the streets.

NOT CUTTING FREIGHT RATES

Missouri Pacific Officials Deny Report that Their Road is Slashing Schedule.

The circulation of the report in Omaha yesterday that the Missouri Pacific railway had withdrawn from the freight association of Colorado and Utah and was slashing all rates to and from points in that section called forth an emphatic denial from the officials of this road yesterday. These representatives stated that it was true their road had withdrawn from the association, but that this act meant no rate cutting and that the Missouri Pacific was maintaining its figures absolutely up to the tariffs as now published.

BERRIES ARE A CENT EACH

First Strawberries of the Season Reach the Local Market from Florida.

The first strawberries of the season put in an appearance on the local market yesterday morning. They came from Florida by way of Chicago and sell at 50 cents a box. Brandy sprouts from Florida, artichokes and cauliflower from California and green peppers from Florida are among the vegetables offered.

This season is the first in which strawberries have been offered in this market before the first week of February, and for the first time in the history of the local market ripe tomatoes have been on sale ten months out of twelve.

DEED.
CARLSON-Yudett M. aged 15 years 16 days, Saturday, Jan. 11, 1902, at the family residence, 316 North Twenty-fifth street, died of pneumonia at 10 o'clock from United Presbyterian church, Park Avenue, at the residence of his mother, 1221 Prospect Hill cemetery. Friends invited. DIED.

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Omaha Packing Company Negotiates for Additional Ground.

INTENDS TO INCREASE ITS CAPACITY

Those in Charge Will Not Divulge Plans, but Stock Yards Company Has Been Approached and is Willing.

It is reported that negotiations have been pending for some time past between the officers of the Omaha Packing company and the general manager of the Union Stock Yards company for additional ground. According to reports, the Omaha company desired to secure a piece of ground adjoining its present plant on the south and extending to Q street, the intention being to enlarge the present plant, so that an increase could be made in the capacity of the cattle abattoirs. While the ground desired has not been secured as yet, it is reported that the Union Stock Yards company will and is ready at any time to secure additional ground for any of the packers who desire to increase the size of their plants.

While those who have been interested in the negotiations are noncommittal, it is understood that the Omaha company proposes to increase its capacity as soon as practicable and the necessary arrangements can be made.

A commission man at the exchange said yesterday afternoon that, even should the Hammond company close its plant here, the extension of the Omaha company's plant would make things even, and South Omaha would maintain its position as the best live stock market in the country for livestock. In this connection a well-posted livestock dealer asserted that should the Hammonds leave shortly, as is contemplated, the plant here would not remain idle, as negotiations were pending for the entire refitting of the plant and a long lease by another firm of packers.

New System Proposed.
Councilman Ed Johnston has a plan which he submitted to City Attorney Lambert yesterday in relation to the merging of the funds of all of the improvement districts with a view to saving the city the trouble and expense of borrowing money from the banks to meet improvement matters.

Johnston's plan is to have the city assume the system he proposes is working successfully in Omaha, and that it saves a great deal of annoyance in having to pass resolutions and borrow money to meet a small deficit in some improvement district. It is proposed to have the taxes from paving, grading, sewer and curbing districts all turned into one fund, in order that when maturities occur the obligations may be met.

In some instances the treasurer has held money for some improvement districts for years, for the reason that there was not enough in the fund to take up the obligations. As the city attorney has approved the plan, it will be proposed to the city council Monday night.

Women Undecided.
Mayor Kelly evidently started something when he permitted four women to name five men as members of the library board.

The women named were Mrs. M. J. Kelly, Mrs. M. J. Kelly, Mrs. M. J. Kelly, Mrs. M. J. Kelly, Mrs. M. J. Kelly. The mayor insists that the five men selected be the unanimous choice of the four women he has chosen. It begins to look now as if there would be no choice, even should the women finally agree. The mayor insists that the council will confirm the selection. Members of the council said yesterday that they did not propose to let the women run the entire show, and therefore their appointments would be turned down.

Improvements Wanted.
While only recently organized, the Southside Improvement club evidently means business, for Dr. McCann, its president, made a declaration yesterday regarding the improvements desired. In the first place, the club wants Q street graded and opened to the river in order to attract trade from farmers living in western Iowa. Another question is the paving of street from fourth street from Q street south to the Sarpy county line. An extension of the pavement on Q street from Thirty-third street west to the city limits is also desired. More than this, the club proposes to have a library building erected at the corner of Twenty-third and O streets.

Magie City Gossip.
William Kerr is in Chicago looking after business matters. Florence Pries has recovered from her recent illness. Mrs. J. W. Daley, Twenty-third and I streets, on the sick, and Mrs. M. J. Kelly, Twenty-third and I streets, on the sick.

The King's Daughters will meet with Mr. R. S. Smiley, Twenty-third and I streets, on the sick, and Mrs. M. J. Kelly, Twenty-third and I streets, on the sick.

The Commercial club is again agitating the question of opening N street to the river. Lodge No. 62, Fraternal Union of America, will give a ball at Frank's hall tonight.

W. A. Watkins has been indisposed for a few days, but was able to be around yesterday. A special meeting of Modern Woodmen lodge No. 1,066 has been called for Tuesday evening.

Sturm-Get prices from Howland, 428 North Twenty-fourth street, before buying. "Phon 7."

O'Brien, a member of the Board of Health, mourning the loss of a fine Newfoundland dog.

John Buckley of fire company No. 3 is getting along nicely at the Emergency hospital in Omaha.

The Magic City King's Daughters will meet with Mr. R. S. Smiley, Twenty-third and I streets, on the sick, and Mrs. M. J. Kelly, Twenty-third and I streets, on the sick.

"Christianity of the Future" is the subject of Rev. Dr. Wheeler's sermon at the First Presbyterian church this morning.

Dr. W. S. White delivered an address to the junior members of the Young Men's Christian association yesterday morning.

At the First Methodist church tonight Rev. Dr. Head will deliver an address on "The Hope and Joy of a Minister's Life."

The Woman's auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian association will meet with Mrs. W. M. Davis, Twenty-third and I streets, Tuesday evening.

Phil Kearney post, Grand Army of the Republic, and the Woman's Relief corps will hold a public reception of officers at Workman hall on Thursday evening.

Services will be held every evening this week at the United Methodist church, Rev. Mr. McBride of Tarkio, Mo., will assist Pastor Kendrick in these services.

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ELECTRIC SEAL OR NEAR SEAL JACKETS—with guaranteed skinners lining, that we sold during the season at \$35.00 to \$45.00, now \$19.75.

ASTRAKHAN JACKETS—Guaranteed full skins, lined with Skinner lining, which we sold for \$40.00; in this sale for \$23.75.

KENSLEY JACKETS—26 inches long, colors or black, which we sold for \$7.50 to \$10.00; in this sale for \$3.95.

BEST QUALITY 26-INCH LENGTH KENSLEY JACKETS—Lined throughout with Skinner lining, that we sold for \$15.00 to \$25.00; now \$6.95.

NEWMARKETS AND RAGLAN COATS—In black and colors, \$25.00, \$27.50, \$35.00, up to \$45.00 values; in two lots, in this sale, for \$15.00 and \$17.50.

ALL OUR 45-INCH AUTOMOBILE COATS—In all colors and styles, which we sold during the season from \$19.00 to \$35.00; in two lots in this sweeping sale at \$9.95 and \$12.50.

ALL WOOL CASHMERE WRAPPERS, in all colors, red, blue and black, lined throughout and handsomely trimmed with braid, sold at \$7.50—in this sweeping sale for \$2.95.

SILK TAFFETA WAISTS, in colors or black, handsome designs, which we sold during the season from \$7.50 to \$15.00—in this sale for \$3.50.

ALL WOOL FRENCH FLANNEL WAISTS, the best quality we sold this season, either button back or front, from \$5.00 to \$10.00 values—in this sweeping sale for \$1.49 and \$2.95.

A LOT OF 350 FLANNEL WAISTS, worth up to \$2.50—in this sweeping sale for 40c and 75c.

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WILL OPEN FEBRUARY THIRD

Date Fixed for Occupancy of New High School Building.

EVERYTHING BUT CORRIDORS FINISHED
Superintendent Pearce Believes Beginning of Second Semester Should Be Deferred Until New Building is Available.

The new high school building will be in use not later than February 3. All the rooms in the building are ready for use at present, with the exception of seats, and the heating and electrical plants are in such condition that they can be operated at once. The corridors in the building are still in an unfinished condition, but workmen have been ordered to finish them as rapidly as possible.

Work on the corridors was delayed because the board had not decided what sort of lockers were to be used. It was planned at first to have wooden lockers which would form a sort of wainscoting for the halls. This plan was abandoned, however, and under the instructions of the board, the architect is having the corridors lined with wire lockers. Wire lockers are now being considered by the board. These are cheaper than oak lockers and it is likely that the board will decide at its next meeting which sort shall be used.

January 27 the second semester will begin at the high school. On that date about 320 new pupils will be advanced from the grades to the high school. Comenius, Long and Mason schools all have large eighth grade classes which are ready to enter the high school. A report submitted to Superintendent Pearce at a meeting of principals held Friday evening indicates that the number of new pupils advanced to the high school will be not far from 130.

"It will be practically impossible to care for the new pupils at the high school unless the new building is available," said Superintendent Pearce. "We might crowd them in, but the number of lecture rooms is so limited in the old building that it would be necessary to increase the size of classes. The results would be far from satisfactory. A complete reorganization of the high school will take place with the beginning of the new semester, and it would be fortunate if we could have the use of the new building at that time."

"If the building cannot be completed before February 3 I think it would be well to give the high school a week's vacation from January 27 to February 3, instead of the regular spring vacation in April. This would probably give the workmen time to complete the interior of the building and would do away with much confusion which would be brought about by crowding all the pupils into the old building."

Secretary Burgess of the Board of Education received a letter from the furniture manufacturers who are to supply the new seats at the high school stating that the seats will be shipped next Monday from the factory in Michigan. This makes it certain that the desks will be installed by the beginning of the new semester, and the time for the opening of the new building will depend entirely upon the workmen who are finishing the corridors. The floors and woodwork in these are still unfinished. It will probably be some time before the lockers will be installed, but the clock rooms in the old building can be used temporarily and there need be no delay in the use of the new building on this score.

Long and Short Days.

OMAHA, Jan. 12.—To the Editor of The Bee: Will you kindly advise in The Bee what days in the year are considered the longest and shortest and greatly oblige your obedient servant, J. H. READER.

To the inclination of the earth on its axis and the position of the sun's rays crossing the line." This occurs

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